

November 19, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 7:50

We were 1 family shy of the quorum and could not vote on the minutes. Ms. Gumins amended the minutes to reflect that the meeting was not adjourned until the following Monday.

Dr. Yonkers put forth a motion to approve the amended minutes when a quorum is available. Motion seconded and was unanimously approved with 4 abstentions.

Ms. Gumins reviewed some of the events during the past year, including the celebration for Cantor Sobel. We raised \$30,000 during fund raisers last year and will seek to repeat this during this coming year.

Stop Hunger Now was successful with 90 TBC members participating.

Membership is now 172 families. We had 15 families join us this year including 11 families with children in the religious school. 17 families resigned, some of whom moved. We have a new membership model that includes town ambassadors who will meet with new prospective members. Ambassadors help with the introduction to the temple and town.

We had a successful barbecue for the beginning of the school year. The school has a new curriculum that appears to be going well.

Adult education programs have been very strong. We draw upon speakers from outside the community as well as inside the temple.

We are looking forward to upcoming events. Consecration is coming up on December 4th.

We continue to focus on community, what it means, what it provides and what we can do to further it.

Brad Marcus provided the financial report. We ended the last year with an operating gain of \$13,000. We saved some money in programs across the board. Fund raising went well and some receivables came in that were not expected. Audit is in the final stage at this point.

Some challenges: Membership is still slightly down. Abatements are on track without major increases. We have had difficulties with the HVAC system, including \$8800 for condensers and air handlers. The \$8800 was approved by the board and will come from the capital fund. We anticipate expenses associated with increases in the security system at the building. The new initiative, the Limud fund, has about \$5300 and we are hoping to raise \$30,000. Funds are targeted for the religious school learning.

Michelle Scruton provided an update on the HHD and ritual committee: we offered two different types of services this year. We can fit 475 people in the building and feel we need two services. Last year the services were evenly split but this year the attendance was greater in the second, modern service. Families with younger members were attracted to the second service. (~250 attended) ~ 180 attended the traditional service. Kol Nidre was the most highly attended service. We also had a service for children that was very successful. Ritual committee continues to assess how to structure services. This year we also had security at the building through the Redding police. This year we had a new Matzor.

Ross Tartell is leading the security task force: Learning and prayer needs to occur in a place that is secure. The committee is working on an overall security plan. The scope is the building security: building secure inside and out, develop emergency procedures for the religious school and general occupants.

At this point, we keep the front doors locked during religious school. If someone comes to the school one of 3 volunteer parents is available to monitor the door and make sure fire alarm procedures are followed.

Work done to date: Chief Fuchs conducted a security assessment and made recommendations, education emergency plan has been updated project plan was reviewed, we identified resources. The board has approved \$5000 and this includes cameras for front doors, locking door between old and new buildings, fobs for outside of the building, intercom and buzzer for front door. In addition to this, the task force has worked on a communication plan to inform parents and students.

Solar Project Update by David Abraham: The government has resources that make solar power more affordable. We will be receiving estimates from the Green Bank. If it goes as planned, we would generate all of our own power. We would pay for the kilowatts as we generate them but at a much lower rate. Contract is 20 years and energy rate is fixed over the life of the contract. Savings over 20 years would be about \$60,000. System may last even longer. David Mann explained that the temple used an RFP system and about a dozen companies responded. The system will not be unsightly since they will be on the roof at a 10 degree pitch. The goal is to have the system installed in January and up and running in April. Once the committee has a contract, they will call a congregational meeting and put the project to a vote.

Meeting was adjourned after a quorum was met on 11/20.